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## THE PAYING SUBURBAN HOME.

With the increase of rapid transit in the outskirts of the city the chance for mechanics, business and professional men to get self-supporting homes is limited only by the unwillingness of landed proprietors to put villa sites on the market. Allusion has been made by a correspondent to the reluctance of the Palolo owners to make such use of their holdings. They are not, however, alone. All about Honolulu are realty men who appear to think that the time is coming when they may cut up their land into 50-foot city lots and who propose to wait for it. Yet in every other urban part of the Union, particularly in the Western States, suburban villa sites are among the most attractive features of the real estate business, there being so much to recommend them to thrifty purchasers at a fair price.

A three-acre homesite reasonably near the carlines can be made to yield every month, more money than it takes to rent a good house in town and will provide for taxes besides. That is to say, it will earn a certain amount of cash in the sale of products and it will save a certain amount in household expenses, the two items making a good showing of profit on the amateur farmer's books. The man in California who supported himself and wife and banked money for twenty-three years from the products of a single acre, did so by intensified farming and hard work, and he made a sole business of this calling. In the case at hand it is not agriculture as a vocation but as an avocation that we recommend; a pleasant and remunerative side issue for men who have other resources and work to do. Upon three acres such men may add very easily to their incomes, assuming that each suburbanite has one good helper and that his family takes an interest in the farm experiment.

On three acres where there is a fair rainfall a man may raise enough sorghum, alfalfa and kaffir corn to keep two cows. These cows will supply his own table with milk, butter and cottage cheese and leave a surplus to sell. A scientific system of hen houses and yards, occupying half an acre, protected from thieves by a hedge of sisal, will enable one to keep at least two hundred laying fowls, which should easily yield, when hens are doing only tolerably well, 1800 eggs per month. So many eggs are usually worth \$90. There would be an income from broilers besides. Pekin ducks, if carefully looked after, would provide another source of income or of saving and so would squabs. Watermelons bring good money here as do strawberries, both of which are possible to the suburbanite. Around the edges of his tract, which should also be protected by a hedge of sisal, agave or cacti, one may raise papayas or kiawe for fuel. Many a mango, alligator pear and custard apple tree will find room in a three-acre tract, even in the alfalfa patch and do their part in making the home table attractive at no perceptible cost. Then there are bananas.

One of the prime requisites of the villa home is the vegetable garden. People here have a superstition that the home garden patch is a foredoomed failure although conceding that the great Chinese truck farms are money-makers. But it is all a matter of care and industry. If the home patch is kept clear of weeds, reasonably watered and its insects fought off with kerosene emulsion or "slug shot," the garden will do all right and it will save the cash you pay to hucksters.

And then there is the quiet, the peace, the fresh air, the change from town, the wider outlook to consider. It all counts in the sum of happiness and health. Besides, one does not have to build such pretentious houses in the suburbs as in town. Out there the cosy bungalow will do.

When one looks over Palolo valley or wanders up Pauoa or Kalihi or sees the sweep of lantana-cumbered land between Diamond Head and Waialae, he wonders why the villa farmer is never given a chance. A hundred thrifty homes could easily be established there in which the truest delights of tropical existence might be attained and that ever-present wolf—the Cost of Living—driven far into the heart of the town.

## THE WINTER CAMPAIGN.

If the Russians have settled down in the hope that the Japanese intend to go into winter quarters they miscalculate the spirit of their adversaries. The most important campaign made by the Japanese ten years ago, began in January and continued in February, a period of unusual cold and of many storms. During the entire winter of 1894-5 operations were had near Mukden. The Japanese showed a physical prowess in withstanding the rigors of winter which entitles them to consideration even by enemies of the type of the Russians whom centuries of boreal life have made almost immune to cold.

The movements now under way in Manchuria show that the little brown men do not propose to let the Russians have any chance to rest and repair their losses. Harbin seems to be their objective and if they reach it they will have control of Manchuria and of the approaches to Vladivostok. By spring, if left alone, Kuropatkin might have half a million men in hand at Harbin and a fine system of forts in the contiguous passes. Japan cannot afford to wait for that. She must press ahead, let the winter rage never so wildly.

Because an orchard test in one place failed, people here have long thought that olives would not grow in Hawaii. Planted in another place, a group of olive trees is doing well. The same experience is being had with tobacco. When Hawaii begins to learn that every locality is not good for every growth and that a bad agricultural showing in one place is no sign of what may be realized in another, it will be ready to make the most of its chances for diversified agriculture.

The football cut in the sport heading for the day is the work of young Mr. Heen, a clerk in the Attorney General's office and a former Punahou boy. While the etching does scant justice to the beauty of the original drawing, enough can be seen to warrant the belief that Mr. Heen would find plenty of work to do, if he chose to seek it, as an illustrator of newspapers and periodicals.

Automobile races at the track, a modern form of the ancient chariot races, would be an entertaining feature for the holidays. There are enough rival makes of autos in the city now to give speed trials the vim of business competition. As showing what the motor car can do, the test would not be without a commercial value.

A correspondent's plea to open saloons on Sunday is not in accord with the best interests of the city. Respectable liquor men do not want such a law and the community, however, liberal a view it may take of the Sabbath question, does not approve of anything likely to disturb the Sunday peace.

There were enough nightmares around last night to fill the pound.

## THANKSGIVING ON THE REEF

With three ministers of the gospel, a number of ladies from the Christian Endeavor Society of Central Union church, and a delegation from the Y. M. C. A. present to take part in the proceedings, the Thanksgiving service at Oahu Prison yesterday was a memorable affair for most of the men confined there. Life on the reef is, at best, a monotonous one; so that whenever a holiday comes along and the prison workers of the Y. M. C. A. arrange a special meeting in honor of the day, the prisoners look forward to it with a keen expectancy.

The service yesterday was in charge of Mr. John M. Martin, chairman of the Devotional Committee of the Y. M. C. A. An elaborate program had been prepared for the occasion, copies of which were distributed to the visitors. The proceedings began by the reading of the Governor's proclamation by a prisoner, after which the 136th Psalm was chanted by the Prison Quartet. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Paul H. Linn, who stopped over in this city a few days while on his way to Japan; then Miss Gertrude Hall contributed a vocal selection, the like of which her audience of yesterday hears but very seldom. Miss Edyth Crosett and Miss May E. Paty recited several pieces. Miss Crosett's "The Trial of the Tramp," bringing forth much applause, Miss Florence Yarrow and the Rev. Mr. Linn spoke in English, and, in a few effective words, impressed upon their hearers the fact that, although it may not be apparent, yet they have much to be thankful for. The Rev. E. W. Thawing and the Rev. J. W. Wadman spoke in Chinese and Japanese, respectively. The Prison Quartet also participated in the program with several selections.

The meeting which began at 9 a. m. was brought to a close at 11 o'clock with the singing of "Hawaii Pono!" and "America." Among those present, beside those already named, were the Misses Minnie Nielsen, Henrietta Walker, Rosalia R. Weil and Caroline A. Potter, Secretary H. C. Brown of the Y. M. C. A., and Messrs. John Austin, E. V. Horner, A. M. Elacow, W. T. Paty, F. R. Tranquado, Mike K. Temple, Arthur D. Hall and James H. Haukoile.

## WANTS A WIDE- OPEN SUNDAY LAW

A great deal of dissatisfaction is certain to exist among the majority of the citizens of this community over the present, rigid enforcement of the Hawaiian Sunday law. There is ample time now before the meeting of our Legislature, for all parties concerned, to get together and express their ideas about the existing law and to make suggestions for any desired changes which would seem most beneficial to the greater part of citizens of this Territory. Our needs and wishes ought to be impressed upon the memory of our legislators, so they will not fail to bring the matter to a vote in their coming session. We are a free people and why should we tie ourselves down to a law, which is literally making a slave of us on Sunday.

In one sense of the word, Sunday is a day of rest—rest from toil—but I am certain, that the majority of the population of the United States, especially the middle class, looks forward to a Sunday as a day of recreation. Many States of the Union regard Sunday as a strictly religious holiday, notwithstanding the fact, that probably over one-half of the inhabitants of these particular States have an exactly reverse opinion and to please the rest, simply have to play bird in a cage on Sundays.

In what way does a ball game, a public dance, concert, or a saloon prove to be more of a nuisance on Sunday, than on any other day, if not looked upon from a Temperance or religious point of view? I believe in a liberal Sunday law, giving every individual a chance to choose his own way of spending Sunday. The working class is under orders of their employers during the whole week, a great many have to work, till late in the day and have no time for recreation, neither time to supply their wants. These people, especially, ought to be permitted to be their own boss on Sundays, so as to make life worth living. Those who wish to rest, may stay at home and those desirous to attend church and spend the day in prayer, will most certainly not be disturbed by others who wish to spend the day in a more lively manner. Give all a chance.

Stores ought to be permitted to open a few hours on Sunday, for the convenience of many who are obliged to make purchases then, not having the necessary time during the week. Soda water and cigar stands should be allowed to open under any circumstances, as they would not even be contrary to the temperance law. Restaurants ought to be allowed to keep open as late as they wish to. Saloons are a horror to the temperance societies, but not to those who have no grudge against liquor. A saloon ought not to be annoying on Sundays, if proper order is kept within, like in some of the better saloons in this town now. Closed saloons, induce people to sell liquor without licenses.

All men are not inclined to become temperance and those who wish to drink, will always manage to find liquor. It will always be sold illegally, no matter how vigilant the police may be. In most of these cases, dealer and purchaser are friends and those who are enabled to purchase their liquor will certainly not give their benefactor away, as this would by no means be a friendly act and besides there are other days to come.

The example of a much appreciated Sunday law, which has proven a success, is furnished by Germany and some other European countries. In Germany where the population seems to be as religious as in the United States, and where religion is even supported by the government, inasmuch as the government maintaining churches and paying salaries of the priests, a very free Sunday law exists and the community seems to live in perfect harmony with it. Stores are open between the hours of 9 a. m. and 1 p. m. Saloons are open all day and public dances, games, concerts and enjoyments of any description are lawful on Sundays.

A Sunday law on this basis exists in Davenport and other cities of Iowa and has proven a success.

I am in favor of the closing of factories and shops, etc. on Sundays, because they afford neither rest nor recreation, but would possibly tempt their proprietors or managers to require their employees to work, were they permitted to open.

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G. A. L. B.

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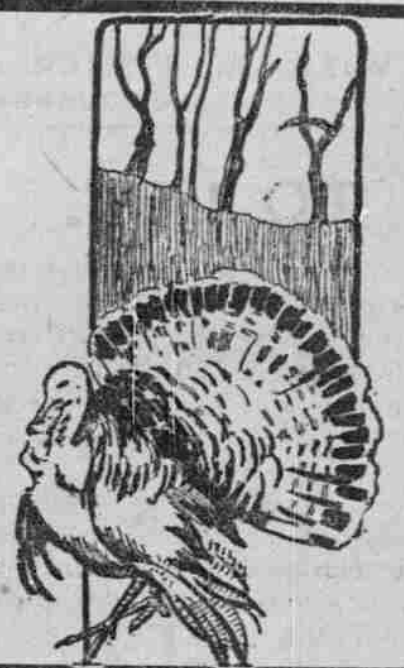
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